

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-40 are pending in this application. Claims 30-34 and 36-40 have been canceled. Claim 35 has been currently amended. Support for the amendment may be found throughout the specification and drawings.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 30-34 and 36-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Raspopovic et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,230,306). Applicants respectfully disagree. However, Claims 30-34 and 36-40 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-29 are allowable (Office Action, Page 4).

The Patent Office has indicated that the original Claim 35 “would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims” (Office Action, Pages 4). Applicants have rewritten this claim in accordance with the Patent Office’s instruction. Thus, Claim 35 should be allowed.

Applicants understood that the reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter given by the Patent Office at Page 5 of Office Action were made in accordance with the following instruction per MPEP § 1302.14:

“The statement is not intended to necessarily state all the reasons for allowance or all the details why claims are allowed and should not be written to specifically or impliedly state that all the reasons for allowance are set forth.”

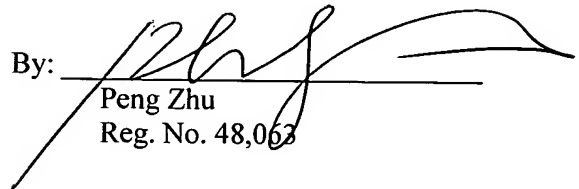
CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in the case.

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